

SENATE RESOLUTION 45

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate William Armstrong on the celebration of his 95th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, William Armstrong will celebrate his 95th birthday on April 18, 2003, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Eads, William Armstrong is a highly respected member of the Shelby County community; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Armstrong enlisted in the United States Air Force; committed to the noble ideal of liberty and justice for all, he served with great valor and patriotism for six years during World War II; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of his service with the 516th Troop Carrier Wing of the Air Force, William Armstrong continued to make himself available to defend the interests of this great nation, serving in the Active Reserves for the next 14 years; as a conscientious and stirring leader, he was advanced to the rank of Colonel; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his illustrious military career, Mr. Armstrong served with acumen and alacrity for 37 years with the Manhattan Branch of Union Planters Bank, earning the respect of his clients and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he retired as a Vice President of this fine institution; and

WHEREAS, as he approaches his 96th year, William Armstrong is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as his health permits; most Sunday mornings, he can be found in the back pew of Chambers Chapel United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate Mr. William Armstrong upon the celebration of his 95th birthday and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for many more happy and fulfilling years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.